

IRAQ FOREIGN MINISTER TO SPEAK AT OCT. 23 WORKING PRESS LUNCHEON

Talib H. Shabib, Foreign Minister of Iraq, will be featured speaker at the Oct. 23 Working Press Luncheon.

Shabib, 32, became Foreign Minister last February after the revolution, and is considered a major political figure in his country. He has participated in the Arab unity talks in Cairo.

Before becoming involved in politics, the Foreign Minister was an engineer.

A guest at Wednesday's meeting will be the Iraqi envoy to Moscow, Ambassador Khaziran.

The luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. and costs \$3.

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Members to Hear Reports On Problems, Activities

Some important issues affecting the OPC and its future will be taken up at the Club's Semi-Annual meeting at 8 p.m. Oct. 29, in the Dining Room.

The role of the OPC in the current world press scene and how it will be affected by future activities and direction of the Club is expected to be discussed by members and officers at the meeting.

Chief issues which probably will be taken up are the role of the Club in battling for freedom of the press, the proficient operation of the building and handling of its economic problems, and the streamlining of Club operational procedures.

Reports from and about the new administration will be made, as well as one on the redecoration project.

All active members who can make it are urged to attend in view of the important matters to be discussed.

MRS. NHU MAKES U.S. DEBUT AT OPC WITH HER VERSION OF VIET CRISIS

While many questioned whether or not Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu is welcome in the U.S. at least 150 working press members and about 1,000 paying guests turned out to see South Viet Nam's famous first lady in her American press debut at the OPC's Oct. 9 Working Press Luncheon.

The army of photographers and reporters who crowded around Mrs. Nhu and her pretty 18-year-old daughter, Le Thuy, as they entered the Waldorf Ballroom, represented nearly all major city papers, news magazines, radio-TV and some foreign news media.

OPC Seeks to Ease Lot of Saigon Press

The OPC sent a telegram to Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu shortly after her Club appearance requesting her "good offices" in improving the press situation in Saigon.

The attack by Vietnamese police of three American correspondents, John Sharkey, David Halberstam and Grant Wolfkill, was specifically noted.

The wire to Mrs. Nhu read: "Thanking you for your appearance at our Overseas Press Club luncheon, we respectfully request, on behalf of our Club, that

Mrs. Nhu was calm, even conciliatory in her opening remarks to the Club audience. She apologized to the press for cancelling several appearances, saying "I prefer not to economize people. It is not out of contempt for the public."

President Diem's glamorous sister-in-law, whose stated aim in making the U.S. trip is to tell her version of the current political controversy, said that "I sometimes wonder if people outside Viet Nam know the situation inside my city."

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Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu meets the press at the OPC Working Press Luncheon.

(UPI Photo)

Overseas Ticker



Edited by CHEVA ARMOR

MEXICO CITY... from JAIME PLENN

Correspondents from abroad and most of those based in Mexico had a busy two weeks here with the extended stay of Yugoslav President Josip Broz Tito October 4-16. Tito made special trips to Merida, Guadalajara and Acapulco, in addition to a four-day stay in Mexico City. Thirteen Yugoslav reporters, three photographers and three cameramen were in the Tito party as it wound up a Latin American swing through here, prior to a scheduled visit in Washington for conferences between Tito and President Kennedy.

The Yugoslav newsmen were guests at a special reception given by the Mexican Newspapermen's Assn., and Tito made a special call at the newsroom set up in the Maria Isabel Hotel. Tight security regulations made coverage tough at times, but for the most part, the visit was handled okay from a news point of view under coordinators Justo Sierra of the Presidency and Luis Farias, Interior Ministry information chief.

Columnist Pepe Romero, The News (English-language daily) will have a one-man show of paintings at the Hammer Galleries, NYC, opening Oct. 21. Romero is a member of Foreign Correspondents Assn. and the author of several books. . . . Two Chilean newsmen, Mario Flores and Leonel Rubio, are here on a grant from the Banco (bank) de Chile to study operations of the Mexican Government Central bank of issue, Banco de Mexico.

Henry Geothals, Copley Newspapers, based in Mexico, was in Honduras when the Army coup overthrew the Villeda government recently and got out some firsthand reports along with those of Bert Quint, CBS News and NY Herald Tribune, who rushed over from neighboring Salvador, where he was working up situationers.

Visiting firemen: Donald E. Hanoroba, True Magazine; George K. Reimann, Corpus Christi, Tex., Caller-Times; John Huston, motion picture director who is shooting Tennessee Williams' "The Night of the Iguana," registered at the Press Club as residing in County Galway, Ireland. . . . Helen Lawrenson, Show magazine, covering "Iguana."

Gerry Robichaud, Chicago Sun-Times and other newspapers, underwent surgery at French Hospital here. . . . Mario Santaella, La Prensa director and general manager, being mentioned as candidate for executive committee of Inter-American Press Assn.

COPENHAGEN... from PER AMBY

Scandinavian folklore maintains that next to a man's birth and wedding, his 50th birthday is the most important milestone in his life. **Temple Fielding**, American travel guidebook author concurred. He chose Copenhagen to throw the most formidable birthday party ever given by a foreigner on such an occasion.

By October 8th, Fielding's milestone, 200 guests from 18 countries gathered in the city. A group of 70 prominent Americans flew in by chartered SAS plane. Fielding's party was officially received by Copenhagen's lord mayor, Urban Hansen. The city hall dished up entertainment and refreshments, all footed by the municipality.

The gala birthday jubilee dinner took place at the Palace Hotel. During the five-day festivities, food was prepared by some of the best European chefs de cuisine — from the Tour d'Argent, Paris; Hostaria dell'orso, Rome; Bali, Amsterdam, AND, Fielding picked up the check for the five days. While the tab is undisclosed, rumors have it at about \$50,000.

Among the American guests were: Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Grauer** (NBC); Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hornady (newspaper syndication field); Edward M. Keyes (PR director for Seagram interests); Mrs. Helen King (Sloane-Morrow editor for Travel Guide and Shopping Guide); Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lawrence (Sloane, Morrow, Mill, Jefferson House president); Mr. and Mrs. Bert Parks (TV personality); Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raff (Fielding's editorial assistant); Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Relin (Bernard Relin (PR) Associates); Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Steeger** (Popular Publications owner-director and Argosy editor); Mr. and Mrs. Mort Weisinger (Superman Publishing Co. president); Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson (columnist); Jerome Zerbe, NY Journal-American photographer-columnist.

ROME... from SAM'L STEINMAN

A 522-page overall survey of Italian life, entitled "Main Street, Italy," by **Irving R. Levine**, NBC, will be published November 1 by Doubleday at \$6.50. Like Levine's "Main Street, USSR," it deals with politics, economics, education, entertainment and the everyday life of the Italian people.

Lawrence Hamilton, SatEvePost, visiting movied locales for profile on Federico Fellini, Italian director. . . . **Yousuf Karsh** whose latest photograph of Pope Paul VI will be a McCall's exclusive, now here on another special assignment.

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CALENDAR



NOTICE: All reservations will be charged to members' accounts unless cancelled in writing 24 hours prior to function.

Mon., Oct. 21 — "Bulletin Bash," with Vaughn Meader. *Annual Bulletin Awards Presentation. Cocktails, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m. Entertainment begins at 8:30 p.m.*

Wed., Oct. 23 — Press Luncheon; Speaker, **Talib H. Shabib, Foreign Minister of Iraq.** Time: 12:30 p.m., 3rd floor Ballroom. \$3.00.

Mon., Oct. 28 — Reception for William Frankel, editor of the Jewish Chronicle. Time: 5:30 — 7:30 p.m., 10th floor Lounge. Cocktails.

Tues., Oct. 29 — Semi-Annual Meeting. Dining Room, 8 p.m. Attendance urgently requested.

Rev. Fr. Ralph Wiltfen of the Divine Word Fathers, whose most highly praised news service in 9 languages for the Ecumenical Council, has signed contract with Hawthorn Books for a complete account of the Council after meeting here with **Kenneth S. Giniger**, president.

Press junkets in Italy reached a high point this month with Premio Italia in Naples, RCA anniversary in Taormina, D'Annunzio centenary in Pescara, Antique Biannual Exposition in Florence and International Cinema Meetings in Naples, Sorrento, Capri and Ischia. Foreign press invited to all.

Carl Miller, California publisher and president of Rotary International, in Rome for visit to Italian chapters of the service organization. . . . **Curtis Pepper**, Newsweek, back after 3 month's home leave. Mrs. (Beverly) Pepper remained in NYC where she is completing a sculpture for new IBM building.

John Law, U.S. News & World Report, in his capacity as program chairman for American Club of Rome, has scheduled October meeting with Internal Revenue Commissioner Mortimer Caplin as speaker.

CARACAS... from E.A. BAUMAN

Henry Gemill, Wall Street Journal; Dick Eder, NY Times; Bill Cunningham and Barry Lando, CBC, here for brief stays. . . . **Merwin K. Sigale**, ABC radio-TV news, has set up shop here. Also plans to string for selected U.S. dailies.

Editor This Week: Werner Renberg

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Paul Grimes

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Correspondents Expelled by Ben Bella, Told of Plans to Eject Other Newsmen

The two American news agency reporters who were expelled from Algiers last week were told that other newsmen would follow, in a wider move against Western correspondents by the government of President Ahmed Ben Bella.

The two, Alain Raymond of UPI and *Andrew Borowiec* of AP, were expelled without explanation, along with two French correspondents, Jacques Manachem, representing several French and other foreign papers, and Christian Guy of the Paris newspaper, *Aurore*.

They all had been reporting the rise of dissident Berber forces against the government, the President's reports of Moroccan moves on the Western border, and other developments in independent Algeria.

UPI currently has another correspondent in Algiers, Pierre Raymond, brother of Alain.

Arriving in Paris, Borowiec said that correspondents in Algeria have been warned for some time that the government was displeased with the way American newsmen reported the situation, and the current crisis with the Berbers.

Raymond and Borowiec were picked up by Algerian police and held at intelligence headquarters before being ordered to leave the country, ostensibly on grounds that they were not reporting objectively and that their presence was a security menace.

"I was asked questions pertaining to my identity and was told an expulsion order would be prepared for me," Borowiec said. "I was released after more than an hour of discussion with three policemen, who expressed their views on subjects ranging from U.S. policy in South Viet Nam to Christine Keeler in

London. They allowed me to call U.S. Charge d'Affaires John F. Root, who said he would intervene."

Root's intervention failed to change the situation. The State Department instructed Root to call the Algerian government's attention to the fact that the U.S. had "been hoping for improved relations between the people of the two countries" and that the expulsion of the newsmen would have an adverse effect.

After receiving expulsion orders, the newsmen were escorted by police to the Algiers Dar-El Bieda Airport where they were held, along with French correspondent Manachem, until the first plane became available.

Borowiec said that the police told them not to mind them, as "We are only executing orders. We know nothing about the motives."

Raymond has been correspondent in Algiers for UPI for eight years. He was born in Algeria of French parents.

Borowiec is the AP's chief correspondent in North Africa. Last May he won the OPC's award for the best daily newspaper or wire service reporting from abroad.

Monday's Bash Promises Loot As Well As Laughs

Loot and laughs are the program for the Annual Bulletin Bash, scheduled at the Club Monday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

Vaughn Meader - "My President, The Folk Singer," - will take time off from his comedy stint at the Blue Angel to entertain a capacity house with his monologues, and with his patented White House touch, in song and skit.

The six-man (and girl) cast from the Bulletin Committee will add to the fireworks some observations on world, national, and Club oddities.

There will be favors for all guests, courtesy of Howard Johnson Co. and Trans-O-Gram, Inc., makers of the new adult game, "The Kennedys". Wine service for all will be an offering of National Distillers, importers of Prefontaine.

Door prizes will include books by *Juliatt Lowell* and *Betty Mason*, together with champagne from National Distillers, cognac from the French National Association of Cognac Producers, Canadian whiskey from Hudson Bay Co., German wine from Asbasch-Uralt, and a briefcase from Selvage & Lee.

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Newman Proffers 'Thanks'

OPC Program Chairman *Joe Newman* has expressed gratitude to those who "worked so hard on such short notice" on the luncheon for Mrs. Nhu.

He singled out *Charles Campbell*, in handling the press turnout; *Art Milton*, Waldorf arrangements; *Jules Bond*, coordination and security arrangements. He also mentioned OPC staff members under Mrs. Margaret Cousens, and Mrs. Lester Ziffen, a volunteer who took phone reservations and worked out seating arrangements.

Akers Defends Reporting from South Viet Nam

The editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Milburn P. Akers, has stated that American correspondents are presenting "as nearly an accurate picture of that which has taken place in South Viet Nam as is possible."

Akers thus added his voice to the controversy about Viet Nam coverage, criticized by Joseph Alsop, Marguerite Higgins and *Time Magazine*.

In a column for the *Sun-Times*, Akers said that "allowance must be made, of course, for the difficulties under which these correspondents work; difficulties largely created for them by the Diem government and, unfortunately, by some American top brass, who prefer that their mistakes remain unknown to the U.S. public."

The American correspondents stationed in Saigon are "generally speaking, a young and enthusiastic lot; a group of sincere and capable youngsters whom almost any editor, if he were acquainted with them, would be happy to have working for him."

He cited such correspondents as Malcolm Browne and Peter Arnett of the

AP, Neil Sheehan of UPI and David Halberstam of the *NY Times*.

The Chicago editor spent several weeks in South Viet Nam earlier this year.

"I didn't spend my time going to cocktail parties, teas and receptions," he said. "I spent most of my time with the 'working' press, on the streets, in the hills and in the swamps where we were able to talk with working people, converse with peasants, get the opinions of 'buck' privates in the South Vietnamese army and — very importantly — interview American sergeants, lieutenants and captains who were in the field, almost daily, as advisors to the troops of President Ngo Dinh Diem."

Akers said he tried to find out reasons why the government and American top brass were so critical of the American press corps.

"I was given none which would satisfy any American newspaper editors," Akers said. "I came away from such interviews with the distinct impression that such officials, American as well as Vietnamese, would be happy only if

their efforts were reported in the American press from their viewpoint — from press 'handouts' and briefing sessions staged by them."

The government-controlled, English language daily in Saigon "continually abuses American newspapermen who do not toe the mark indicated in handouts and briefings," he said.

"Let's face it," he declared, "South Viet Nam is a police state."

The editor said the Americans can be thankful that the Brownes, Arnetts, Sheehans and Halberstams, who despite difficulties and pressures, manage to send back more than a glimmering of the true state of affairs in a land where so much American blood is being spilled and so much American money is being spent.

"They can be thankful," Akers said, "experienced correspondents such as Sol Sanders of *U.S. News & World Report* and Keyes Beech of the *Chicago Daily News* make frequent trips from their bases (New Delhi and Tokyo) and report their findings."

Mrs. Nhu (Cont'd from page 1)

She spent an hour and a half speaking and answering written questions relayed to her by OPC Pres. Barrett McGurn.

Asked what she would do about Viet Nam if she were the American president, she admitted, "This is really the tough one."

Mrs. Nhu stated that President Kennedy was lulling people into a "false sense of security."

"One must be prepared to meet the basic danger of the times — communism."

The Vietnamese, she said, know how to face this danger. "Just watch us participate in the fight," she said. "See us win."

Mrs. Nhu said that she felt that North and South Viet Nam would someday be reunited, but that she didn't favor military intervention to achieve this.

"I am against — you may not believe me — I am against violence."

She denied that the Diem government discriminated against Buddhists. "The Buddhists have never fought me." She insisted that those who burned themselves to death were "victims of incitement" who were being exploited by the communists for political purposes.

Though her references to the Diem regime were often in the first person, at one point she said, "I remind you, I don't speak for the Vietnamese government."

She drew laughter in her account of the Vietnamese receiving milk through

the U.S. aid program. Her people, she said, had never drunk cow's milk and were puzzled because "They (the Americans) want us all to drink milk". She said they thought it was something to feed to pigs.

In a more serious thought about U.S. aid, Mrs. Nhu added "I want to show that it is not a one-way gift".

Joseph Newman, Program Committee chairman, prefaced Mrs. Nhu's talk by noting that the Club had received criticism, "some from our own members" about the invitation to the Vietnamese first lady. He asked how freedoms could be demanded in Viet Nam if "we deny them to Mme. Nhu in New York".

Some of the foreign press which covered Mrs. Nhu's appearance were the BBC, *Toronto Telegram*, *Akhbar-el-Yom* (published in Cairo), *The Australian Consolidated Press*, Reuters, and *The Manchester Guardian*.

In addition, the Washington bureaus of the news magazines were on hand, and some media sent two or more people to cover both the main event and sidebar aspects.

Not all the attention Mrs. Nhu attracted was from the press and luncheon audience. Pickets from an interfaith religious group and from Socialist and other left-leaning organizations milled about near the 50th Street entrance of the hotel. She avoided them by using another entrance.

OPC Wire (Cont'd from page 1)

you use your good offices with President Diem and with your husband, to remedy the presently deplorable press situation in Saigon so that news correspondents are given the three basic conditions required for their work: Free access to news; transmission of dispatches without censorship where military operations are not involved; and personal security. In connection with the third condition, we urge that the courts of your country bring to justice those responsible for the recent attack of three American correspondents and award compensation to the victims. By correcting this situation, we feel you will be removing one of the major obstacles toward an improvement in relations between our two countries, and you will be enhancing the value of your visit to the United States."

Mrs. Nhu commented on the beatings during her whirlwind round of appearances in New York. She said that the Diem police wouldn't beat anyone "without some reason". However, she added that she did not know the facts in the case and, "I can assure you that if any of our people are guilty, they will be punished."

RIESEL TO TALK TO STATE DEPT.

Victor Riesel has been invited to meet with State Department officials to tell them what he learned on his recent 20,000 tour of South America.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The luncheon press conference for the controversial Madame Nhu generated a few controversies of its own but on balance I am sure that we can consider it a high point in the drive to win recognition for our Club as the "world press center".

The most serious criticism came from an unnamed State Department spokesman who objected that unspecified sections of the American press were lionizing a woman who had been acidly critical of the way \$500,000,000 in United States military and economic aid is used against the Communist guerrillas in South Viet Nam.

The Club's answer as spelled out in two brief introductory speeches at the Madame Nhu luncheon was that our quest as journalists was to cross-question all the major news figures of the world replacing propaganda where need be with the truth. As it turned out some seventy questions were put to Madame Nhu, almost all of them hostile. Be it said for our guest that she made a point of taking the queries one by one, giving some degree of reply to each.

The luncheon got us immensely publicity valuable which should ease the task of *Joe Newman* as he invites the rest of the top newsmakers of the world to our podium. Spinning the knob that night at the 11 o'clock TV news you could catch the OPC simultaneously on at least three channels. The TV coverage was coast-to-coast as California friends later reported. Perhaps our prize was page one of *The Washington Daily News*. The tabloid *News* ran Madame Nhu's picture at our microphones as its full front cover photo but what filled the space was not the diminutive figure of our guest but rather an enormous OPC banner. Every Washington newsstand advertised the OPC that day.

The Nhu luncheon was only one of many recent good signs. Roger Durgee, acting Club manager, has been so successful in renting out idle Club space for meetings and banquets that the board of governors had to scrounge for a place to meet on one recent week. It was an inconvenience for the 25 board members but a satisfaction to know that white elephant real estate is now going to profitable use. Another pleasant item was a note from the Lieutenant General commanding the First Army at Governors Island. He dedicated a plaque there to John Peter Zenger, pioneer of the United States free press, and urged the OPC to appear as a symbol of that press. *Will Yolen*, immediate past president, represented us.

In seeking bigness in some fields we are not forgetting comradely club-

Hearst Chain Suspends Publication of Mirror

The New York Mirror ceased publication this week as this issue of the Bulletin went to press.

The Hearst Corporation, announcing the end of the 39-year-old daily, said: "Costs have risen far in excess of revenues and have created substantial deficits over an extended period of time. The recent prolonged newspaper strike aggravated the already serious problems of the Mirror."

The company said it had sold the name, goodwill and other intangible and physical assets of the Mirror to the New York Daily News. Numerous Mirror features from now on will appear in the New York Journal-American, it added.

The announcement said an employment office was being established in the Mirror building to help staff members get new jobs. The company said it was distributing termination pay of over \$3,500,000.

Whing-Ding's a Swinger With 50-Cent Sippings

The Friday Night Whing-Ding, featuring all drinks at 50 cents apiece between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. has gotten off to a successful inauguration in the ground floor bar.

Besides the money-saving feature of the special price (you can save up and buy another drink at regular price at 6:30), free hors d'oeuvres are passed to all bar customers as they are every night.

UPI Locks Dakar Bureau

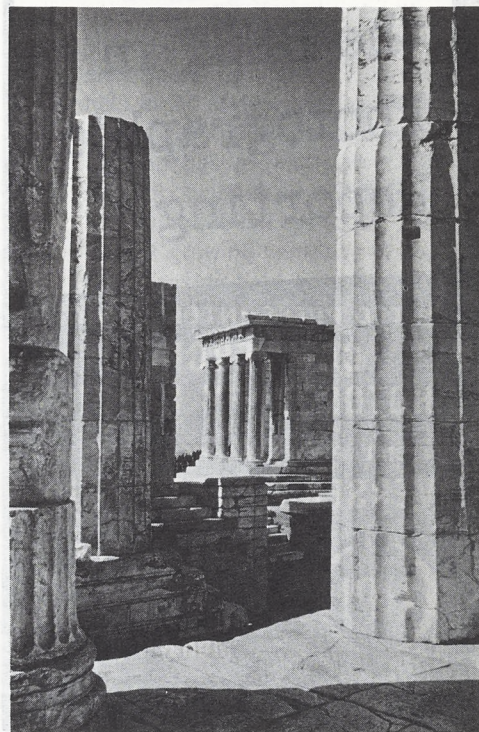
United Press International has closed its bureau in the African Republic of Senegal after its Dakar correspondent, Jean Neveau, was expelled by the government.

Neveau was told to leave for reporting a demonstration in Dakar Sept. 27. UPI said his dispatch was a factual account of the demonstration.

business which is after all our purpose. In that regard, with the accent on the individual, *Henry Gellermann* of Bache & Co. is ready now with his committee to get radio, TV and lecture opportunities for returning correspondents — and for resident experts. Tell Miss Andrews at LW 4-3500 your specialty and where and when you can be reached in New York; Henry will notify the communication outlets. It will mean more favorable exposure for you and for the OPC.

Barrett McGurn

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LETTERS



Editor, *Bulletin*:

I hate to add even a trickle to the torrent of words that has been undammed by events in South Vietnam, but I am moved to wrath by the Joseph Alsop commentary (High-Minded Crusaders Could Be Wrong Again) in the October 5 *Bulletin*. If, with his experience, he is unable to see the difference between the stupidity of liberals who were sucked in by Mao (who, like all good Communists, never made any secret of his aims), and the many people who are disgusted with the repression of the Buddhists by Ngo-Dinh Diem and his family, then his fitness to report at all is seriously subject to question.

The people who criticize Ngo-Dinh include, after all, a lot of people who should know — his sister-in-law's father, for instance, who was the Vietnamese ambassador to Washington before the Buddhist revolt. The newsmen on the scene could very easily be wrong; they frequently are wrong about such delicate nuances as religion. But the family of Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu is not likely to be wrong about her; they know her and her self-willed arrogance a little too well.

Alsop says "Surely we are here only to win the war." If that is the case, perhaps we'd better start a war that we can win. What the U.S. is supposed to be in South Vietnam for is not to win a war at all; it is to guarantee a free government in South Vietnam. The first menace to political freedom there came from the Viet Cong and its North Vietnamese allies, so obviously armed action became necessary. But if the government we are supporting against the Viet Cong and its allies is not free, not representative of the national will, then it is not worth our support. If that is the case, we ought to abandon our bitter cynicism and get out. There is, for a great international power such as the U.S., more to international relations than supporting one tyrant against another.

This nation once had a tradition of liberty and a willingness to support liberty in other countries. We should return to that base of operations, and get off our present untenable base of supporting anybody who says he's on Our side against anybody who says he's on Their side. South Vietnam is not so poor in human beings that it cannot cough up a leader worthy of our support; we should find him. We do the cause of international freedom no good at all when we keep tyrants in power; nor do we do our own international reputation any good. The Kennedy administration, after four months of purposefully ignoring this fact, is finally beginning to

wake up; the recall of the local CIA honcho from Saigon was a sound first step (CIA has always felt very warm toward tyrants of the right); Cabot Lodge seems to be willing to take the rest of the necessary steps. We need neither the crass selfishness of the Ngo Dinh family nor the cynical short-sightedness of Joseph Alsop.

Frank Leary

Editor, *Bulletin*:

I note that in your issue of Oct. 5th, you reprint in full Mr. Alsop's hatchet attack on the reporters who have been covering the Vietnam story.

The question is this: does your republication of that piece, without any presentation of the other side (our Mr. Halberstam is especially involved), constitute an official position of the Overseas Press Club?

Certainly the implication is there. I hereby register, therefore, a vigorous protest against such procedures.

Lester Markel

Sunday Editor, *NY Times*

The Alsop article was republished because of its obvious interest to OPC members and in the hope that it would attract other publishable viewpoints. Republication certainly does not constitute an official position of the OPC.

— Editor

Editor, *Bulletin*:

Bravo to Joseph Newman for announcing the independence of the OPC from "government approval in inviting persons in the news" to address the OPC.

From what I can learn, there was no voiced resentment by the Washington press corps of the audacity displayed by the State Department official in reproaching newsmen for their coverage of Mrs. Nhu's presence in the United States. By their lack of comment to date, I can only assume that the press corps here feels it is perfectly proper that a Federal agency should tell it what to report and what not to report.

The Overseas Press Club, thank Heaven, is not that spineless.

Personally, I disagree with what Mrs. Nhu advocates and I resent her reported remarks about U.S. soldiers in Vietnam. That resentment does not however, invalidate her newsworthiness; nor does it warrant the reprimand by anyone so ill-equipped editorially as a State Department official on the coverage given her arrival here.

My pride in being a member of the OPC rose immeasurably in reading Joe Newman's remarks, quoted in the *Times*. No comparable response has been heard here in Washington.

Bud Kane

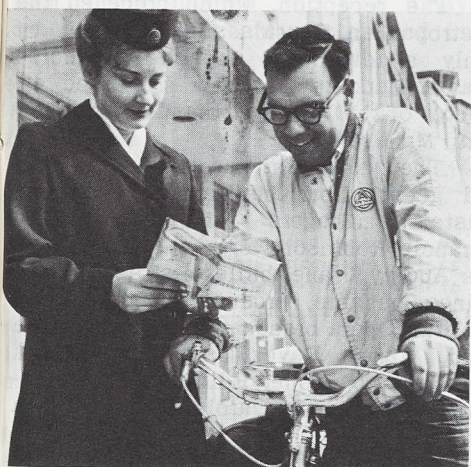
PEOPLE & PLACES

TRAVELING: Norbert Muhlen, NANA, back from European research and lecture tour. . . . **Jack Yountz** and wife "Blitz" off October 17 for Mexico City and Bamer Hotel to tape travel programs for ASTA and World Travel Congress in session there. Tapes will be used on Jack's stations, WEEB, Southern Pines, and WUSM, Havelock-Cherry Point, N.C., and carried by other U.S. stations.

NEW POSTS: Morton Yarmon, author of nine books and many articles in national magazines, named to a new post, director of public relations of the American Jewish Committee. Formerly on the staffs of the N.Y. Times and Herald Tribune, for the last five years he has been associate managing editor of Parade. . . . **Ernest Conine** has established a news bureau in Vienna for the Los Angeles Times, with all of Europe as his beat. One-time Moscow correspondent for McGraw-Hill magazines, he's recently been an editorial writer in L.A.

RADIO & TV: On his third appearance this year on the "Mike Wallace Show" (Westinghouse TV network) **Paul Sanker** appeared with Zsa Zsa Gabor. Previously he was on with Gloria DeHaven and Virginia Mayo. . . . **Ed Hersch** newscaster and documentary producer with WHK Radio in Cleveland, has produced and narrates a half-hour documentary honoring the National Geographic Society on its 75th anniversary. The show, a "first," was heard in Cleveland on October 6; will be broadcast later on Metromedia stations in other cities.

LECTURES: Rohama Lee, editor and publisher of Film News, has been appointed lecturer for the 1963-64 season on "The Documentary Film" at CCNY.



ON THE ROAD: Journal-American sports columnist Stan Fischler gets directions from BOAC stewardess in Manchester, England, before starting on his 550 mile bicycle trip through Europe.

HONORS: Wisconsin and Syracuse Universities have established **Bernard Sobel** theatre collections.

GUESTS: Eduardo Compos, chief officer of press and information of the Uruguayan Council of government, a luncheon guest at the Club of Richard T. Turner.
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Lasky Praised and Chided for Treatment of JFK in Book

Victor Lasky, author of the best-seller, "J.F.K.: The Man and the Myth", faced a panel who both praised and chided him for his handling of his subject during a Book Night at the OPC Oct. 10.

Hal Lavine, former *Newsweek* editor, suggested that it is "not a man who emerges from the book, but a monster made of million-dollar bills". He also felt that the author had not attempted to analyze President Kennedy's motives and as a result, there is no portrayal of the subject as a man.

Professor William Peterson of the New York University Graduate School, on the other hand, praised Lasky's book, and felt that it was a remarkable study, in that it corrected the current "Mythology about President Kennedy." He also brought up the question of the Cuban problem, in that he criticized the administration for committing the same mistake twice.

Another critic of the Lasky book, Charles Markmann (co-author of "J.F.K.: A Sense of Purpose") said that he felt the book was a "pedestrian and tasteless hatchet job". He also criticized the author for bringing in extraneous details and for distorting facts.

John Roach of McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., defended Lasky as a reporter, and he felt that Lasky had the courage to document his sources. In any case, Roach said that he believed this book would be a force in the campaign shaping up next year.



BOOK NIGHT: Author Victor Lasky talks about his book with Quincy Howe, panel moderator.

Lasky good-naturedly answered all the criticism which had been made by the panelists and said that he had felt there had been "an enormous vacuum of anti-Kennedy material," and that there was a craving for the other side of the story about the President. He cited sales for his book as an indicator of this. He said he had quoted liberal sources, and he reminded the audience that President Kennedy had never been

"the hope of American liberals."

Quincy Howe of ABC moderated the discussion, and there was a brisk question and answer period.

Hal Lavine summarized the discussion by expressing the opinion that there was growing conservatism in the U.S. today, and that he believes that Sen. Barry Goldwater will certainly be the next Republican candidate for the presidency.

Club Salutes Met's Dame Markova, Bing, With Reception



OPC's SALUTE TO THE MET, OCT. 8: Press Club President Barrett McGurn greets the guests of honor during the reception for Metropolitan Opera personalities. Exchanging pleasantries are (left to right), McGurn, Music Committee chairman Jack Frummer, Dame Alicia Markova, Rudolf Bing, Francis Robinson and John Gutman.

The Oct. 8 Salute to the Met cocktail reception drew a full crowd of OPCers to see Dame Alicia Markova and Rudolf Bing.

The reception, which preceded the Metropolitan Opera's season opener by only a few days, especially honored Dame Markova, recently appointed director of the Ballet at the Met, and General Manager Bing.

The two weren't the only distinguished guests from the Met, however. Assistant managers John Gutman and Francis Robinson were on hand, as well as Audrey Keane, ballet mistress; Geraldine Souvaine, producer of the Metropolitan Opera broadcasts; Lucine Amara and Janet Pavek, sopranos; Frank Guarrera, baritone; Edith Jerell, Kathryn Horne and Carole Kroon, prima ballerinas.

Also at the reception were Federal Court Judges John R. Bartels and Jacob Mishler.

Music Committee chairman Jack Frummer introduced the guests.